



**Date:** October 11, 2010  
**To:** Human Resources & Governance (HR&G) Committee  
**From:** Brad Jones, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
**Subject:** TAC's TAC Structure Recommendation

**Issue for the ERCOT Board of Directors**

**ERCOT Board HR&G Committee Meeting Date:** October 18, 2010

**Agenda Item No.:** 6

**Issue:**

At its July 20, 2010 meeting, the ERCOT Board requested that TAC review its current committee structure and provide a recommendation at the October 19, 2010 Board meeting. TAC submits the TAC 2010 Structural and Procedural Review document for ERCOT Board input on implementing the identified structural and procedural improvements.

**Background/History:**

During discussions at the July 20, 2010 HR&G Committee and ERCOT Board meetings, TAC was requested to review its subcommittees for efficiencies and to report back to the Board in October. In response to the request, TAC leadership met to brainstorm structural changes and options to gain efficiencies in the stakeholder process and presented their initial findings at the September 2, 2010 TAC meeting. Subsequently, the TAC Structural and Procedural Review document which contained alternative proposals and recommendations discussed at the September TAC meeting was circulated for review and comment. Comments to the proposal were filed by Austin Energy, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative Inc., Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Luminant Energy Company LLC and were reviewed at the October 7, 2010 TAC meeting.

In an effort to improve TAC's existing processes and organizational structure for the purpose of enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, and aligning its structure to meet new goals and objectives, TAC voted at its October 7, 2010 meeting to adopt provisions of the 2010 Structural and Procedural Review document, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In summary, the following recommendations were adopted at the October 7, 2010 TAC meeting within the Structural and Procedural Review document:

- Each year beginning in July, TAC will conduct a structural and procedural review to report to the October ERCOT Board meeting.
- Structural Improvement Recommendations:
  - Retire the Nodal Advisory Task Force (NATF) post Nodal stabilization
  - Retire the Renewable Technologies Working Group and incorporate remaining work under the Wholesale Market Subcommittee's Emerging Technologies Working Group
  - Retire the following Retail Market Subcommittee Working Group: Retail Metering Working Group, Retail Advanced Meter Processes Task Force, Texas Test Plan Team,



MarkeTrak Task Force and the Meter Tampering Task Force.

- Procedural Improvement Recommendations:
  - TAC and its subcommittees will continue to evaluate the meeting calendar for efficiencies
  - Utilize a consent agenda for all Nodal Protocol Revision Requests (NPRRs) that are unanimously approved at the Protocol Revision Subcommittee (PRS)
  - Instruct PRS to develop a set of alternative approaches to encourage the timely filing of comments
  - Request subcommittee recommendations related to the voting structure of each subcommittee
  - Request ERCOT staff to draft an NPRR that reflects a 14 day versus 21 day initial comment period for new NPRRs

Please refer to Exhibit A for additional recommendations that were considered but deferred or declined by TAC at this time.

**Key Factors Influencing Issue:**

TAC met, discussed the issues and voted to submit the above recommendation for ERCOT Board input.

**Alternatives:**

1. Provide feedback on how TAC should proceed in implementing the 2010 Structural and Procedural Review document as described above;
2. Defer decision on the merits of the TAC recommendation on the 2010 Structural and Procedural Review document; or
3. Request further analysis and input from TAC in regards to the 2010 Structural and Procedural Review document.

**Conclusion/Recommendation:**

As more specifically described above, TAC requests that the ERCOT Board provide feedback on the TAC 2010 Structural and Procedural Review recommendation.